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EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DESCRIBES VISIT TO U.S.

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(EXCERPTS) FOREIGN MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMI RETURNED TO CAIRO FROM NEW YORK AT 1915 TODAY AFTER A 1-WEEK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES DURING WHICH HE CONVEYED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT TO U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON. HIS EXCELLENCY HELD DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WITH THE U.S. PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM. HIS EXCELLENCY EXPLAINED THE STAND OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT ON FINDING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL, ISMA'IL FAHMI SAID THAT HE WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS HE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

REFERRING TO THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE HE SENSED TOWARD EGYPT AND THE ARAB WORLD DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, HIS EXCELLENCY SAID: THE ATMOSPHERE IS EXTREMELY HONORABLE AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE ARAB WORLD IN GENERAL AND EGYPT IN PARTICULAR. THIS REPRESENTS A PROBLEM AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED. GOLDA MEIR HERSELF SENSED THIS CHANGE BUT HER PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES DID NOT CHANGE ANYTHING IN THE SITUATION. HE ADDED: THE INFORMATION MEDIA--PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION--IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE GREATLY CHANGED AS A RESULT OF WHAT HAPPENED ON 6 OCTOBER.

IN CONCLUSION, ISMA'IL FAHMI SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN COORDINATION BETWEEN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, AND THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE SYRIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. HE ADDED THAT DR HENRY KISSINGER WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO TOMORROW.

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